

First, colored minors may be committed by a justice of the peace for any of the counties, or the city of Baltimore, on complaint and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian or next friend of such minor, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct such minor has rendered his or her control beyond the power of such parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite, that from regard to the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the House of Reformation and Instruction ; *Second*, colored minors may be committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the House of Reformation and Instruction in consequence of vagrancy or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity or otherwise of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor. *Third*, such children as their parents, guardians or friends may desire to place therein for temporary restraint and discipline, and whose parents, guardians or friends shall agree and contract with the managers for their support and maintenance ; and *Fourth*, minors committed by the several courts in this State, as provided in this article.

First class.

Second class.

Third class.

Fourth class.

154. It shall be the duty of the justice of the peace when committing a vagrant or incorrigible or vicious minor under this article relating to the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children, in addition to the commitment, to annex the names and residences of the different witnesses examined before him, and the substance of the testimony given by them respectively, on which the adjudication was founded, and the same duty shall be performed by the clerk of any court the judge whereof shall make such commitment.

Id s 20

What to be annexed to commitment by justice

By clerk of court

155. Whenever any colored minor under the age of sixteen years, shall be convicted of any felony in any court of this State, the judge of said court, in his discretion, and with reference to the character of the House of Reformation and Instruction as a place of sojourn, and not of punishment, may order said minors so convicted to be removed to and confined in the said House of Reformation and Instruction, *provided*, that in all cases no transfer of any such minor from the counties shall be made until due notice has been given to the superintendent of said House of Reformation and Instruction, and an answer received from him, that there is room in the House of Reformation and Instruction for the reception of such delinquent.

Id s 21

Colored minors convicted of felony, commitment of

Transfers from counties.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

156. The House of the Good Shepherd of the city of Baltimore, a body corporate, incorporated under the General Laws of this

1878, c 442

Refuge for white females under eighteen